

# Vernon Area Public Library

WINTER 2018-19

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<b>Main number</b>	<b>847-634-3650</b>
Library cards, renewals	847-634-3650
Adult Desk	224-543-1485
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**Library classes, performances, and events are free and open to all unless otherwise indicated.**

An ASL interpreter is available for any library program; please give us advance notice to arrange.

Photos and videos may be taken during programs. If you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed, please notify staff.

## Find Library Materials

Find books, e-books, audiobooks, movies, music, video games, and other materials available for checkout or download at [search.vapld.info](http://search.vapld.info). Log in with your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to place materials on hold.

## Access Your Account

Renew, check the status of items on hold, build wish lists. Use your library card number and PIN (usually the last four digits of your phone number) to log in at [vapld.info/account](http://vapld.info/account), or through the Vernon Library app found in your device's app store, or call 847-634-3650.



## Get a Library Card

At the Checkout Desk: Residents, bring a photo ID showing your current address; property owners, business owners, and temporary residents, see [vapld.info](http://vapld.info) for ID requirements. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

Online: Visit [vapld.info/library-cards](http://vapld.info/library-cards) and fill out a short form. A temporary card number will be emailed to you within 2 business days and you may begin using it right away. Stop at the Checkout Desk within 30 days to pick up your card.



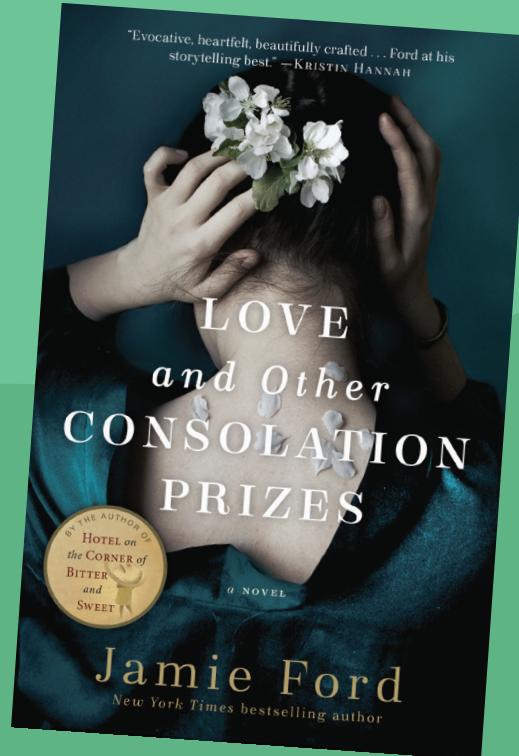
## Get the App

Use the Vernon Area Public Library app to store your library card, manage your account, search the catalog, place holds, access premium resources, check events, and download media for on-the-go enjoyment. Visit the app store on your device to download or go to [vernon.boopsie.com](http://vernon.boopsie.com)



## Book a Study Room

The library's study rooms accommodate four to six people. Reserve a room for up to two hours by calling the day before: 224-543-1485 (adult) or 224-543-1486 (youth). Study room reservations are limited to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders only.



## One Book, One Community—3rd annual

In 2016, Vernon Area Public Library joined with neighboring Indian Trails and Cook Memorial public library districts to foster a sense of community through reading. That winter, thousands of people in our area read *The Story Hour* by Thrity Umrigar, heard her speak, and attended programs related to the compelling novel. Last winter, readers dove into Laurie Lico Albanese's *Stolen Beauty* and had the opportunity to hear attend a variety of events including book discussions, film screenings, and an author visit.

This winter, you are again invited to join the One Book movement by picking up a copy of the 2018 selection, *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by bestselling author Jamie Ford. After breaking onto the literary scene in 2009 with *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, Ford has delighted readers with his vividly rendered novels. His latest, *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*, is based on the true story of an

orphaned boy whose life is altered when he attends Seattle's 1909 World's Fair. Author Melanie Benjamin calls it "a gripping story about the unpredictability of life and, above all, the incredible power of love to heal even the most shameful wounds." Booklist hails it as "poignant" and "vibrantly rendered."

Vernon Area Library patrons: pick up your complimentary copy of the book at the library kickoff, December 9 (see p. 11). *One copy per household, while supplies last.*

For all One Book events happening here, see pages 11, 13–14. To view all programs, including those at neighboring libraries, visit [1book.org](http://1book.org).

# LIBRARY NEWS



## High demand for English classes

English as a second language (ESL) classes at the library are full to overflowing. About 90 students are currently enrolled, with more on waiting lists. First held here in 2009, this year an advanced level was added, giving intermediate-level finishers a chance to improve their speaking and comprehension skills in a classroom setting.

The classes are offered through a partnership with Mundelein District 120's Adult Education program, which offers free English language instruction from certified teachers at ten locations. At Vernon Area Library, the students hail from more than 15 countries including Brazil, China, India, and Ukraine.

The 24 beginning, 38 intermediate, and 27 advanced students take language learning seriously. Classes meet twice a week for three hours at a time and attendance is consistently robust. Students quickly find common ground with each other. Break times are filled with conversation and the end of each semester is celebrated with a potluck lunch when students sample food from each other's homelands.

The three instructors at Vernon Area Library—Eleni Adamis, Nancy Campbell, and Janel Kovarik—delight in their work and find meaning in it. While chatting with each other after class one Friday, the teachers realized they are all children of immigrants who came to the United States to escape political oppression in their homelands.

The classes provide new arrivals with a path to citizenship, employment, advancement, and community engagement. The library further supports English language learners by offering a conversation group, which meets regularly (see the listing on p. 11), as well as books, movies, newspapers, and magazines in a variety of world languages including Russian, Chinese, and Hindi.

Though the Vernon Area Public Library classes are full, there are openings at other locations. For more information, call Mundelein High School Adult Education at 847-949-2200, ext. 1399, or visit [d120.org/community/adult\\_education](http://d120.org/community/adult_education).

## Charitable collections this winter

Your generous donations help strengthen our community by lending a hand to neighbors in need. Contribute to these collections in the library lobby.

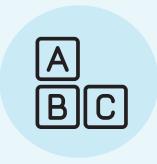


### Hats, mittens, gloves & scarves

new or like-new • all sizes accepted

Distributed by Cradles to Crayons

**Friday, Nov. 23–Sunday, Dec. 2**



### Toys for Tots

new, unwrapped toys • ages 0–12

Distributed by U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

**Friday, Nov. 23–Friday, Dec. 7**



### Non-perishable foods

canned goods • personal hygiene items

Distributed at Vernon Township Food Pantry

**Ongoing**

## Library to go

No matter where you are—cozy at home while the snow drifts, relaxing on a sun-soaked pool deck, or traveling from one business meeting to the next, the library is at your fingertips. Tap into these apps anytime, anywhere with your Vernon Area Library card. They work on phones, tablets, e-readers, and streaming devices.



**cloudLibrary:** Books and audiobooks for all ages and interests. If you don't find what you're looking for in the library catalog, check here: the cloudLibrary app gives you access to thousands of titles from other libraries through a multi-library partnership.

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**Kanopy:** Stream classics from the Criterion Collection, world cinema from Janus Films, indie and arthouse movies, documentaries, and Great Courses. Kanopy adds more than 30,000 films to your viewing options. Look directly in the app; these titles are not listed in the library catalog. [guides.vapl.info/kanopy](http://guides.vapl.info/kanopy)



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## Remembering library advocate Alice Moody

Longtime library board member and volunteer Alice Moody died September 3, 2018. Her dedication to this library and community cannot be overstated. Alice served on the committee that researched, proposed, and rallied support for the establishment of the Vernon Area Public Library District in 1974.

She went on to lead the library board of trustees and later founded the Friends of the Library. How different all our lives would be without her vision and 40-plus years of service. We will miss Alice dearly.



### Stay up to date

The library sends out occasional emails highlighting services, collections, and events by interest area. Select what's relevant to you at [vapl.info/subscribe](http://vapl.info/subscribe). We promise not to overwhelm your inbox!

# EARLY LEARNING • AGES 0–PRE-K



## Baby Rhyme Storytime

0–14 months with an adult

Miss Kelsey guides you and your baby through research-based activities and books that promote reading readiness. Best for infants, crawlers, and beginning walkers. Time is included for socializing with other caregivers and baby play. **TICKET REQUIRED**

WEDNESDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 11–11:30 AM

DECEMBER 5, 12, 19, JANUARY 9, 23, 30, FEBRUARY 6, 13, 27

## New Parents & Babies Playgroup

0–14 months with an adult

While tots play and socialize, adults meet other caregivers and chat with baby experts in this casual playdate between Baby Rhyme Storytimes. Check [calendar.vapl.info](http://calendar.vapl.info) for the expert of the week. **DROP IN**

WEDNESDAYS • 10–11 AM

## Wiggling Ones

12–24 months with an adult

Giggle, sing, and jam along with your toddler in this music- and movement-centered program led by Miss Heather. This is an active program; be prepared to move! **TICKET REQUIRED**

TUESDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 4, 11, 18, JANUARY 8, 15, 22, FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19

## Together 2s & 3s

2–3 years with an adult

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah.

Activities and books centered around a letter of the day help your child develop letter recognition. **TICKET REQUIRED**

MONDAYS • 9:30–10 AM OR 10:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, FEBRUARY 4, 11, 25

## Preschool Storytime

3–5 years without an adult

Children attend this storytime independently to help them get ready for school while the accompanying adult remains in the library. Adults join their children and Miss Emily at the end to sing the song of the day. **TICKET REQUIRED**

THURSDAYS, 10–10:30 AM OR 1:30–2 PM

DECEMBER 6, 13, 20, JANUARY 10, 17, 24, FEBRUARY 7, 14, 21



## **Under Five Family Time**

**0–5 years with an adult**

Recover from the busy week with stories, rhymes, music, and themed crafts perfect for the pre-K crowd. **TICKET REQUIRED**

SATURDAYS • 10:30–11:15 AM

DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 5, FEBRUARY 2

## **Tuck-Me-In Tales**

**0–6 years with an adult**

Dress in pajamas, snuggle with your stuffy, and wind down from the day with books, songs, and rhymes. \*On February 12, join a Valentine's Day-themed storytime: Goodnight Kisses.

**TICKET REQUIRED**

TUESDAYS, 6:30–7 PM

DECEMBER 11, JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 12\*

## **Science Detectives**

**3–6 years with an adult**

This literature-inspired class encourages young children to discover the world around them through hands-on science activities. **REGISTER** for each date separately.

WEDNESDAYS, 1:30–2 PM OR 6:30–7 PM

DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 20

## **Playdate at the Library**

**0–4 years with an adult**

A chance for little ones to get out of the house and play with friends without all the stifling snow gear! Toys, puzzles, and a pop-up house offer lots of fun. Siblings welcome. **DROP IN** anytime or stay for the whole 90 minutes.

FRIDAYS, 9:30–11 AM

DECEMBER 14, JANUARY 11, 25, FEBRUARY 8, 22

## **New Year's Noon Dance Party**

**3–6 years with an adult**

Wear your fancy party clothes and welcome the New Year a little early. Dance the morning away and celebrate noon with a bubble countdown. **REGISTER**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 11:15 AM–12:15 PM

## **A Taste of Storytime**

**0–5 years with an adult**

The whole family is invited to this sampler of the library's weekday storytimes, plus coffee and donuts! Find out how early learning activities set the stage for your child's success. Meet other families and your library's early learning experts.

**TICKET REQUIRED**

SATURDAYS, 10–10:30 AM

DECEMBER 29, JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 16

## **Little Yogis Storytime**

**3 years & up with an adult**

Twist, bend, and stretch together in this kid-friendly yoga storytime. Stories, rhymes, and simple poses for you and your child. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 10–10:45 AM

## **Family Concert—ScribbleMonster**

**all ages with an adult**

With five #1 songs on Sirius XM's Kids Place Live and millions of streams on Spotify, iTunes, and Pandora, ScribbleMonster is a must-see on the kindie rock scene. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 11 AM–12 PM

## **Sunshine Squad**

**0–5 years with an adult**

Help build a better, more compassionate world—starting with your own family! This diversity-focused storytime and craft help build social-emotional awareness to brighten your home, school, and community. **TICKET REQUIRED**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1:30–2:15 PM & OR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 10–10:45 AM

### **TICKET REQUIRED**

Get free tickets at the library on the day of the event. First-come, first-served.

### **REGISTER**

Registration required. Sign up at [calendar.vapld.info](http://calendar.vapld.info) or 224-543-1486.

### **DROP IN**

No ticket or registration required.

# EARLY LEARNING • AGES 0–PRE-K

## Let's Learn Spanish!

0–6 years with an adult

*Bienvenidos a nuestro tiempo de cuentos!* Celebrate the language and cultures of Spanish-speaking countries in this all-ages storytime filled with books, music, and movement. All levels welcome—beginning through fluent. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 10–10:45 AM

## Kindergarten Readiness

4–5 years with an adult

Get a jump start on kindergarten by creating a solid foundation for learning in the classroom. Teacher-recommended skills are demonstrated with time to practice. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 4:30–5 PM &/OR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 4:30–5 PM

## Oaks & Acorns

0–4 years with an adult

Bring your little acorn to an intergenerational storytime at Sunrise of Buffalo Grove, a nearby senior residence. Stories, songs, instruments, and new connections bring joy to all ages. Siblings welcome; supplies limited to the age-appropriate child. [REGISTER](#)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 10–11 AM

SUNRISE OF BUFFALO GROVE

180 W. HALF DAY RD., BUFFALO GROVE

## Family Concert—Musical Merriment with Joel Frankel

all ages with an adult

Parents' Choice Award-winner Joel Frankel has released four albums and his music is heard on radio stations around the world. Join this talented performer for a rockin' morning. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 11 AM–12 PM

## Arts & Crafts Storytime

3–5 years with an adult

Join local children's author Pam Saxelby for a reading from *Max and Bear*. Afterward create a craft inspired by the heartwarming story. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1:30–2:30 PM

## Mini Math Magicians

3–5 years with an adult

The fun really adds up in this crafty program. Explore math concepts through books, games, and a craft. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 11–11:30 AM

## Programs for Parents

### Preschool Preview

Find the right learning environment for your child. Shop local preschools and talk one-on-one with teachers and staff during this open house. Find participating schools and more info at [vapld.info/preschool-preview](http://vapld.info/preschool-preview). **DROP IN** anytime.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 10 AM–12 PM

### Raising Readers: New Books & Apps for Ages 0–5

Teachers and parents have the power to inspire little ones to read. Learn about current trends in children's literature and the best educational apps for home and classroom, and leave with a list of librarian-recommended read-alouds that will have your child asking for more. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7–8 PM



WORLD OF WILDLIFE – JANUARY 8

**Holiday Concert—Carols with the Frozen Robins**  
grades K & up with an adult

Dressed in costumes from the 1800s, this energetic quartet delights all ages with festive carols and infectious humor. **Optional:** Donate a new or like-new winter hat or pair of gloves/mittens to support local families in need; this charitable collection is coordinated by Cradles to Crayons.

**REGISTER**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1–2 PM

**Family Trivia—Illinois History**  
grades K–5 with an adult

Test your knowledge of Illinois history in honor of the Prairie State's 200th birthday. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7–8 PM

**Hour of Code**  
grades K–2 with an adult

Stevenson High School Girls Who STEAM lead the local session of this global, one-hour introduction to computer science. This beginner-level program is designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 6:30–7:30 PM

**Winter Library Challenge Kickoff—  
Family Arts & Crafts Maker Lab**  
grades K–5 with an adult

Get together with family or friends to design a pattern for Russian nesting dolls, paint the Taj Mahal, and build the Eiffel Tower. All materials provided. Sign up for Winter Library Challenge (see p. 8) when you visit. **DROP IN** anytime during hours.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1–3 PM

**Upcycled Winter Art**  
grades K–5 with an adult

Give new life to recycled materials by creating candleholders or a project of your own at this crafting session. Supplies and tools provided or bring your own. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 10–11:30 AM

**Minecraft Mania**  
grades K–5

Work with other kids to build structures and strategize to defeat zombies, spiders, and skeletons. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 2–2:45 PM

GRADES 3–5: 4–5:30 PM

**Lego Architects**  
grades K–5

Work through a challenge, then let your imagination run wild during free building time. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 4:30–5:30 PM

**World of Wildlife**  
grades K–5 with an adult

Come face to face with reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals while learning about conservation and environmental stewardship with experts from the Lake Forest Wildlife Discovery Center. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 7–8 PM

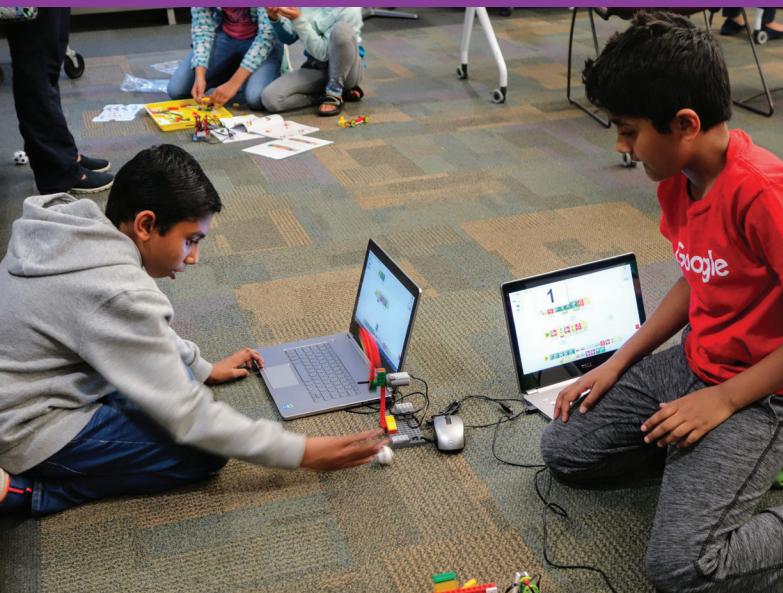
**Science Investigators**  
grades 1–2

Stories, films, and hands-on activities for the budding scientist. **REGISTER** for each date separately.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 4:30–5:15 PM & OR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 4:30–5:15 PM

## KIDS • GRADES K–5



### Winter Library Challenge: Libraries Are for Everyone

Sign up as a family, with a friend, or solo for this winter's challenge and receive your first reward just for registering. Then choose your activities: Read a book aloud with family or friends, talk about what you're reading at dinner, or play a board game. Those are just some of the challenges! And every time you complete one, you receive a chance to win passes from Chicago area museums, movie gift cards, and other sweet rewards. It all gets started December 22 at the library. Sign up anytime to get in on the fun! REGISTER in person at the Youth Desk.

**ALL AGES • DECEMBER 22–JANUARY 27**



#### **Kids' Nonfiction Book Discussion** grades 3–5 with an adult

Learn why a document written more than 200 years ago is still important today in a discussion of *What Is the Constitution?* by Patricia Brennan Demuth. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you REGISTER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 7–8 PM

#### **Giving Back on MLK Day** grades K & up with an adult

On this national day of service, learn how the Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation makes a positive difference in our community, then make a scarf to donate to a veteran. Materials and easy-to-follow instructions provided. REGISTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1–2:30 PM

#### **Science Sleuths** grades 3–4

Experiments and hands-on activities encourage students to explore the world around them. REGISTER for each date separately.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 4:30–5:30 PM &/OR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 4:30–5:30 PM

#### **Family Concert—Music Around the Mediterranean** all ages with an adult

Take a musical cruise to explore the eastern Mediterranean as Chicago talents George Lawler and Eve Monzingo play songs and instruments from this culturally rich region. REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 11 AM–12 PM

#### **K-9 Reading Buddies** grades 1–5

A trained therapy dog listens patiently while your grade school student reads aloud, helping build confidence and encourage reading. REGISTER for a 15-minute appointment beginning 30 days before the program: call 224-543-1486 or sign up at the Youth Desk. (Sorry, no online registration.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 6:15–7:30 PM &/OR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 6:15–7:30 PM

To REGISTER, go to [calendar.vapld.info](http://calendar.vapld.info), call 224-543-1486, or visit any public service desk in the library. Registration opens 30 days before each program.

### **Lego Robotics grades K–5**

Build and program interactive models using the Lego Education WeDo software in this hands-on program. [REGISTER](#)  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4  
GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 4:30–5:30 PM  
GRADES 3–5: 7–8 PM

### **Kindness Rocks! grades K–5**

Special day-off school program. Kindness helps build a better world; be part of the movement! Talk about how to practice kindness and decorate a reminder rock to keep, leave to be found, or give to a friend. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT: 1:30–2:15 PM  
GRADES 3–5: 3–3:45 PM

### **Chinese Lantern Festival Celebration grades K–5 with an adult**

Learn about this spring festival through lantern making and legends. Presented in partnership with Stevenson High School's National Chinese Honor Society. [REGISTER](#)  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6–7:30 PM

### **Page to Stage Shadow Puppetry Workshop grades 4–8**

Construct a shadow puppet and bring it to life in a short skit with expert guidance from members of the Sea Beast Puppet Company. [REGISTER](#)  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 11 AM–12:30 PM

### **Learn to Play Chess grades K–5**

Learn about pieces, moves, and rules, and begin playing! Sign up for this session -or- Chess Strategies & Tactics. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 4:30–5:30 PM

### **Chess Strategies & Tactics grades 3–8**

If you already know chess basics, this is a chance to learn and practice strategies to improve your game. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7–8 PM

## **Programs for Parents**

### **Parent Book Jam—*UnSelfie* by Michele Borba**

Give your child the empathy advantage. Studies show that kids with greater empathy perform better academically, have greater resilience, don't cheat, and don't bully. *UnSelfie* outlines a practical nine-step empathy-building program with tips for parents and educators. Copies available for checkout; ask at the Youth Desk. Read in advance to participate in the book discussion or just come and listen. Co-sponsored by Community Parent Network (CPN). [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 7–8 PM

### **Parent Education—Understanding Diversity in Our Community**

Communities are stronger when cultural differences are understood and appreciated. Seema Jain, director of multicultural affairs at Marriott International, highlights the differences and similarities between the cultures that enrich our neighborhoods. Co-sponsored by Community Parent Network (CPN). [REGISTER](#) on Eventbrite.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8 PM

STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL • WEST AUDITORIUM

# TEENS • GRADES 6–12

## Games for Grown-ups grades 9–12 & adults

Play board games of all sorts and/or get tips from a chess instructor. **DROP IN** anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

DECEMBER 9, JANUARY 6, 13, FEBRUARY 24

## Exam Cram grades 9–12

Hit the books at the library. Study solo or in a group, with extra space, snacks, and extended hours\* exclusively for high school students. **Need a brain break?** Work on Linus Project security blankets for children who are seriously ill or traumatized; materials and instructions provided. **DROP IN**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 12–7 PM\*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 12:30–7 PM\*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 3:30–8:30 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 3:30–8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1:30–8:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1:30–8:30 PM

## Upcycled Winter Art grades 6–12

Create a candleholder or a project of your own. Choose from a supply of materials and tools or bring your own. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1–3 PM

## Lego Master Builders grades 6–8

Work through a challenge, then build your own creation.

**REGISTER**

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 7–8 PM

## Junior High Book Discussion grades 6–8

Read and discuss *The Art of Secrets* by James Klise. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you **REGISTER**.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 7–8 PM

To **REGISTER**, go to [calendar.vapl.info](http://calendar.vapl.info), call 224-543-1486, or visit any public service desk in the library. Registration opens 30 days before each program unless noted otherwise.

## Off the Page: A Teen Book Club grades 8–12

Add your voice to the banter in a discussion of the month's book while enjoying frozen yogurt—the library's treat. A copy of the book (yours to keep) is reserved when you **REGISTER**.

MONDAYS, 7–8:15 PM

JANUARY 28: *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie

FEBRUARY 25: *The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*  
by Mackenzi Lee

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## The Anime Zone grades 6–8

Connect with other fans and watch anime, read manga, make crafts, or play games. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 7–8 PM

## ACT or SAT Practice Exam grades 8–12

Take a free practice exam and get a detailed score analysis. Specify ACT or SAT when you **REGISTER**.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 10 AM–1:30 PM • LIBRARY ANNEX

## Cupcake Wars grades 6–12

Join two competitions to create the best-looking cupcake. All ingredients supplied; bring your own apron. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 6:30–8 PM

## Writers Theatre presents *The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights* grades 6 & up

This one-woman show weaves together interviews, poetry, hip-hop, and history to tell the stories of celebrated and unsung Chicago-based civil rights activists. **REGISTER** beginning December 1.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 7–8:15 PM

## Page to Stage Shadow Puppetry Workshop grades 4–8

Construct a shadow puppet and bring it to life in a short skit with experts from the Sea Beast Puppet Company. **REGISTER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 11 AM–12:30 PM

**HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL – DECEMBER 11****Movie—*Ocean's 8* (PG-13, CC)**

Comedic heist with an all-star cast led by Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett. Closed captions. Popcorn served. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2–4:30 PM

**Holiday Concert—Carols with the Frozen Robins**

Dressed in costumes from the 1800s, this energetic quartet delights all ages with festive carols and infectious humor. Optional: Donate a new or like-new winter hat or pair of gloves/mittens to support local families in need. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1–2 PM

**Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion**

*The Butchering Art: Joseph Lister's Quest to Transform the Grisly World of Victorian Medicine* by Lindsey Fitzharris. Copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders; ask at the Adult Desk. Registration is recommended on [meetup.com/Must-Read-Nonfiction](https://www.meetup.com/Must-Read-Nonfiction).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7–8 PM

**ELL Conversation Group**

Practice English conversation skills with other English language learners in a guided discussion. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAYS, 9:30–11:30 AM

DECEMBER 4, 18, JANUARY 8, 22, FEBRUARY 5, 19

**Senior Series—  
Great Filmmaker-Composer Collaborations**

Film critic Dann Gire explores brilliant movie partnerships including Steven Spielberg & John Williams and Alfred Hitchcock & Bernard Herrmann. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1–2 PM

**Preschool Preview**

Shop local preschools and talk one-on-one with teachers and staff during this open house. More info at [vapld.info/preschool-preview](http://vapld.info/preschool-preview). **DROP IN** anytime.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 10 AM–12 PM

**Games for Grown-ups**

Stop in to play board games of all sorts and/or get tips from a chess instructor. **DROP IN** anytime during hours.

SUNDAYS, 12:30–4 PM

DECEMBER 9, JANUARY 6, 13, FEBRUARY 24

**1 One Book, One Community—Open House Kickoff**

Stop by to pick up a free copy of this year's community-wide read, *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by New York Times bestselling author Jamie Ford. *One copy per household while supplies last.* No registration required. Visit [1book.org](http://1book.org) for all One Book events.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1–2 PM

**Lunch & Learn—Hiking the Appalachian Trail**

Chicago area resident Willie DiFabio talks about the natural beauty, terrain, weather, and community that he experienced during a transformative seven-month hike of the 2,100-mile trail. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 12:30–1:30 PM

**Writer's Support Group**

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback, and discuss the publishing business. All writers welcome.

RSVP: [meetup.com/writers-support-group-Lincolnshire](https://www.meetup.com/writers-support-group-Lincolnshire).

WEDNESDAYS, 6:30–8:30 PM

DECEMBER 12, JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 13

# ADULTS • AGES 18 & UP



SEATTLE, WORLD'S FAIR HOST TO YOUR MORNING ROAST  
JANUARY 27

## Book Discussion with Judy Levin

*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. In this page-turner, four generations of a Korean family fight to control their destiny in 20th-century Japan. Copies available to Vernon Area Library cardholders beginning November 8; ask at the Adult Desk.

REGISTER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 10–11:30 AM

## Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

If you're in your 20s or 30s and thirsting for intelligent conversation with excellent people, meet at the Chatterbox for a book discussion over adult beverages and delicious food. Ages 21–39 only, please. Find reading selections and REGISTER on Meetup: [bit.ly/tt-bot](http://bit.ly/tt-bot).

THURSDAYS, 6–8:30 PM

DECEMBER 20, JANUARY 17, FEBRUARY 21

THE CHATTERBOX, 330 OLD MCHENRY RD., LONG GROVE

## Book Discussion with Judy Levin

*Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier. This classic novel of romantic suspense finds the second Mrs. de Winter adjusting to life in the home of her mysterious new husband. Copies available to Vernon Area Library cardholders beginning December 13; ask at the Adult Desk. REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 10–11:30 AM

## Art Workshop—Silk Painting Hoops

Artist Sarah Boone shows you how to create a silk painting that glows like stained glass. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. Please wear painting clothes.

REGISTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 6:30–8:30 PM

## Movie—*Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* (PG-13, CC)

The story inspired by the music of pop band Abba continues. Closed captions. Popcorn served. REGISTER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2–4:30 PM

## The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *Titus Andronicus*

In this revenge tragedy, a victorious Roman soldier refuses to show his enemy mercy. Recommended for mature audiences only. The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading. Pre-show introduction begins at 6:15 PM. REGISTER

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 6:30–9 PM

## Lunch & Learn—Mysterious Myanmar

Explore the history, diversity, and natural beauty of this Southeast Asian nation in a photo-rich presentation by experienced traveler Brian Michalski. Learn about daily life in Myanmar, where political strife creates safety concerns for many. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture. REGISTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 12:30–1:30 PM

## Movie—*Incredibles 2* (PG, CC)

Will superheroes rise again? Find out in this long-awaited Pixar sequel. Closed captions. Popcorn served. REGISTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2–4:30 PM

## Concert—Singer-Songwriter Kraig Kenning

Folk, blues, roots rock, or American finger-style...whatever the genre, don't miss this award-winning guitarist's memorable tunes and intelligent lyrics. REGISTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 1–2 PM

To REGISTER, go to [calendar.vapl.info](http://calendar.vapl.info), call 224-543-1485, or visit any public service desk in the library.

## **Studs Terkel Radio Archive with the Tribune's Rick Kogan**

Reporter Rick Kogan talks about the recently launched radio archive of Studs Terkel, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian whose 1952–97 interviews comprise a captivating oral history of the last half of the 20th century. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 7–8 PM

## **Senior Series—The Evolution of the Girls Groups**

Take a musical tour down memory lane. Cabaret singers Laura Freeman, Beckie Menzie, and Marianne Murphy Orland explore the stories behind the songs of popular groups like the Andrews Sisters, the Shirelles, and the Supremes. Co-sponsored by Buffalo Grove Park District. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1–2 PM

## **Parent Book Jam—*UnSelfie* by Michele Borba**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 7–8 PM; see p. 9.

## **1 Seattle, from World's Fair Host to Your Morning Roast**

Urban, outdoorsy, artsy, techy, surrounded by water, and with views of Mount Rainier, Seattle is a diverse and progressive city rich in natural beauty. PBS travel host Bill Ball explains how two World's Fairs shaped the Emerald City. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1–2 PM

## **1 Book Discussions— *Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford**

A powerful novel, inspired by a true story, about a boy whose life is transformed at Seattle's 1909 World's Fair. A limited number of copies available to Vernon Area Public Library cardholders; ask at the Adult Desk. Please [REGISTER](#) for only one discussion.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 7–8 PM • NOVEL NIGHT  
OR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2–3 PM • WITH ANNE BAKER JONES  
OR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 10–11:30 AM • WITH JUDY LEVIN

## **Movie—*Christopher Robin* (PG, CC)**

A grown-up Christopher Robin reencounters Pooh and the Hundred Acre Wood. With Ewan McGregor. Closed captions. Popcorn served. [REGISTER](#)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2–4:30 PM

## **Lunch & Learn—Rise of the Skyscraper**

A docent from the Chicago Architecture Foundation discusses the Windy City's influential role in the development of the skyscraper. Bring your lunch starting at noon; we'll provide coffee, dessert, and a great lecture. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 12:30–1:30 PM

## **Art Workshop—Drawing Animals with Charcoal**

Artist and instructor Cheryl Steiger guides you through each step. Beginners welcome. All materials provided. [REGISTER](#)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7–8:30 PM

## **Parent Education—Understanding Diversity**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 7–8 PM; see p. 9.

## **Great Decisions Discussion Group**

Exchange ideas about the thought-provoking foreign policy issues facing America in a non-partisan discussion led by Professor Gary Midkiff. Meets monthly. Participants pick up a briefing book at the Adult Desk and read a chapter before each meeting. New: [REGISTER](#) for February–May beginning December 3.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1–3 PM  
OR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 9:30–11:30 AM

STUDS TERKEL RADIO ARCHIVE – JANUARY 23



# ADULTS • AGES 18 & UP



WRITERS THEATRE: THE MLK PROJECT – FEBRUARY 12

## Cut the Cable

Say goodbye to your cable bill. Learn about devices that work with your existing TV and internet connection to stream television and movie services. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:30 AM–12 PM

## Writers Theatre presents *The MLK Project: The Fight for Civil Rights*

This one-woman show by Yolanda Andrazzo weaves together interviews, poetry, hip-hop, and history to tell the stories of celebrated and unsung Chicago-based civil rights activists. Children in grades 6 & up also welcome. [REGISTER](#) beginning December 1.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 7–8:15 PM

## Movie—*Crazy Rich Asians* (PG-13)

The hit movie based on Kevin Kwan's bestselling novel stars Constance Wu. Popcorn served. Closed captions. [REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2–4:30 PM

## 1 Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Leader Of Women's Rights

Stanton fought for equal rights for women for more than 50 years and left a legacy for women's equality that has inspired feminists ever since. Actress Laura Keyes brings this iconic figure to life in an engaging portrayal. [REGISTER](#)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1–2 PM

## The Shakespeare Project of Chicago presents *A Midsummer's Night Dream*

Shakespeare's most popular comedy includes a pair of young lovers, a band of amateur actors, and an assortment of fairies. The professional players of the Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a full, theatrical reading. Pre-show introduction begins at 6:15 PM. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6:30–9 PM

## Must-Read Nonfiction Book Discussion

*The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit* by Michael Finkel. Find out why and how a man chose to live alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years. Copies available at the Adult Desk to Vernon Area Public cardholders. Registration recommended on [meetup.com/Must-Read-Nonfiction](http://meetup.com/Must-Read-Nonfiction).

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7–8 PM

## Raising Readers: New Books & Apps for Ages 0–5

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 7–8 PM; see p. 6.

## 1 Author Visit—Jamie Ford

Hear from masterful storyteller Jamie Ford, bestselling author of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* and *Love and Other Consolation Prizes*, in this One Book, One Community finale. A book signing follows. [REGISTER](#): [1book.org](http://1book.org).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1–2:30 PM

VERNON HILLS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
145 LAKEVIEW PKWY., VERNON HILLS

## Snacks & Facts Trivia Night

Test your knowledge of world trivia with a fun-filled quiz night. Sign up individually or in teams up to four people. Refreshments and prizes. Ages 21+. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7–8:30 PM

## Senior Series—Still Acting Up presents *Win It All*

A whimsical play that proves winning isn't everything; performed by musicians and actors from Still Acting Up, a troupe of Chicago-area talents ages 55+. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1–2 PM



## Business Hub

### SCORE One-on-One Business Mentoring

Get free expert advice to launch your business or help your small business grow. Vernon Area Public Library is a branch of SCORE Chicago. Book a 1-hour appointment: [vapl.info/score](http://vapl.info/score).

THURSDAYS, 9 AM–12 PM  
DECEMBER 13, JANUARY 10, FEBRUARY 14

### Getting Government Grants

If your nonprofit seeks funding, get tips from the office of Congressman Brad Schneider. Find out about local and state funding opportunities, requests for proposals (RFPs), and training and educational resources. [REGISTER](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30–7:30 PM

### Taxes & Your Small Business

A representative from the IRS reviews which deductions apply to small businesses, best practices for record-keeping, and what to expect from tax reforms. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 6:30–7:30 PM

### Craft Your Perfect Elevator Speech

Impressions are made in an instant. Corporate trainer Ronnis Oher coaches you in creating a strong, memorable elevator speech. Leave equipped with a few phrases to confidently promote your business or idea in 30 seconds flat. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 6:30–8 PM

### Let Your Dream Job Find You: LinkedIn for Job Seekers

Find out how to make the most of your LinkedIn profile. CareerPlace director Len Harris leads a hands-on workshop. Learn to create a custom URL, join groups, search job posts, find connections, and improve your search ranking. [REGISTER](#)

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 6:30–8 PM

### Census Data to Power Your Small Business

Reliable demographic and economic data help you identify opportunities, understand the business landscape, and make strategic decisions. Learn how to use the Census Business Builder (CBB) suite to get the data you need. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 6:30–7:30 PM

### The Nuts & Bolts of Nonprofits

Find out how to start a nonprofit or participate on a board. Attorney Kathryn Vanden Berk, who has represented nonprofits throughout her career, discusses the legal requirements for creating a nonprofit and how to report the organization's activities to government agencies. [REGISTER](#)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 6:30–7:30 PM

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# COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY • AGES 18 & UP



## Gmail Basics

Whether you're new to Gmail or a longtime user, learn about recent changes and explore options to customize your inbox. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 7–8:30 PM

## Google Photos Basics

Save space on your device by uploading pictures to Google Photos. Learn about storage, organization, and sharing in this introductory class. Prerequisites: Gmail account and password. **REGISTER**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 7–8:30 PM

## Gmail Beyond the Basics

Learn to use email filters, search for email, adjust settings, and work with attachments. Prerequisites: Gmail account and password; Gmail Basics or commensurate experience. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 7–8:30 PM

## Google Drive

Use this popular, free cloud storage service to access your files wherever you are, collaborate with others, and improve your productivity. Prerequisites: Gmail account and experience. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 7–8:30 PM

## Google Chrome, Apps & Extensions

Increase productivity at home and work by personalizing your Chrome browser. Learn about helpful free apps and extensions to install once and use often. **REGISTER**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 7–8:30 PM



## Microsoft Applications

All classes are taught using Office 2016.

### Windows 10

Find out how to navigate the desktop, start menu, Cortana virtual assistant, and Edge web browser, and personalize your experience. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 7–8:30 PM

### Intermediate Windows 10

Learn to create a desktop icon, access and adjust settings, install and uninstall programs, and get helpful tips and tricks. Prerequisite: Windows 10. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 7–8:30 PM

## ★ Special Topics

### Nerds with Beer

Part philosophy, part tech talk, this monthly meetup for 20- and 30-somethings is loosely centered on technology's influence on our lives. RSVP: [meetup.com/Nerds-with-Beer](http://meetup.com/Nerds-with-Beer).

TUESDAYS, 7–8:30 PM

DECEMBER 4, JANUARY 8, FEBRUARY 5  
HALF DAY BREWING, 200 VILLAGE GREEN,  
LINCOLNSHIRE • AGES 21–39

### Cut the Cable

Say goodbye to your cable bill. Learn about Roku, Chromecast, Apple TV, and other devices that work with your existing TV and internet connection to stream television and movie services.

**REGISTER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 10:30 AM–12 PM

## Make a Website on WordPress

Learn to use WordPress, an online tool, to create and manage a blog or website. This three-part, hands-on class gets you up and running. **REGISTER** once for all three sessions.

TUESDAYS, 7–8:30 PM  
FEBRUARY 12, 19 & 26



## Computers & Coffee

Enjoy a cup of coffee and instruction followed by hands-on practice with the help of a technology volunteer. The pace is relaxed, with plenty of time for your technology questions.

## Tech Gifts & Online Shopping

Check out the hottest gifts this season, new shopping sites, and safety tips for online purchases. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 11 AM–12 PM

## AI (Artificial Intelligence)

Learn about recent developments in AI technology and find out what's on the horizon. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 11 AM–12 PM

## Tech Trends

Get the scoop on the most interesting gadgets and apps introduced at this year's Consumer Electronics Show. **REGISTER**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 11 AM–12 PM

To **REGISTER**, go to [calendar.vapld.info](http://calendar.vapld.info), call 224-543-1485, or visit any public service desk in the library.  
Registration opens 30 days before each program.

## Multimedia

### Library Media Lab: Digitize Your Photos & Videos

Convert photos, slides, negatives, VHS tapes, or DVDs to digital formats for preservation and organization. Learn how easy it is to use the equipment in the Media Lab during this hands-on session. Afterward, book time in the Media Lab to work on your archiving project. **REGISTER**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 10–11:30 AM  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 10–11:30 AM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7–8:30 PM  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10–11:30 AM

### Silhouette Cameo

The Cameo is a programmable machine that precision-cuts a variety of materials.

**REGISTER**

**DIY Last-Minute Gift:** Create a monogrammed or decorated glass or vase. Bring a glass item to etch.  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 7–8:30 PM**

**Open Workshop:** Use the Cameo to work on your own project. A librarian provides limited assistance with the software and machine.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 11 AM–12:30 PM**

**Keepsake Valentine's Day Card:** Create a one-of-a-kind greeting card.  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 7–8:30 PM**

### Intro to 3D Printing

In this hands-on class, learn to create a small object using ready-to-print files or custom Tinkercad files and the library's 3D printers. Prerequisites: basic computer skills and a Vernon Area Library card. **REGISTER**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 7–8:30 PM**

### 3D Printing Next Step

Learn to use Tinkercad and other tools for creating custom designs for 3D printing. Prerequisites: intermediate computer and mouse skills and a Vernon Area Library card. **REGISTER**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 7–8:30 PM**



**Tech questions?  
Get answers here.**

### One-on-One Help

Book a 45-minute appointment with a librarian to get personal technology help—with the library website, catalog, or premium resources; downloading e-books, audiobooks, magazines, movies, or music; computer software; or the Media Lab. A reservation and current Vernon Area Public Library card are required. To request an appointment (up to 2 per month), call 224-543-1485 or fill out the form at [vapld.info/devicehelp](http://vapld.info/devicehelp)

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Monday–Thursday	9 AM–9 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM–5 PM
Sunday	12–5 PM

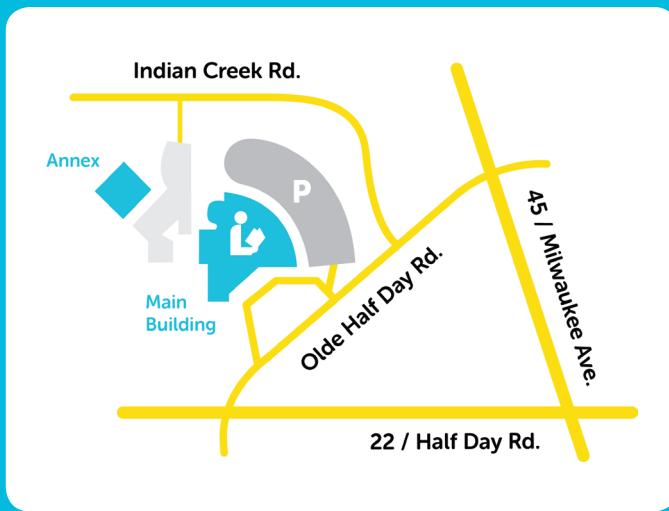
## 📅 Closings

November 21	Open 9 AM–5 PM only
November 22	Thanksgiving
December 7	Open 1–5 PM only
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	Christmas Day
December 31	New Year's Eve
January 1	New Year's Day

## 📍 Location & Contact

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## Preschool Preview, December 8

Visit this open house to zero in on the right learning environment for your child.  
See p. 6 for details.